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Explorers are individuals who undertake journeys to discover new geographical areas, document previously unknown cultures (relative to their own culture), or expand scientific knowledge. They are often driven by a spirit of adventure, a thirst for knowledge, or a sense of national pride. Throughout history, explorers have played instrumental roles in shaping the development of their nations or civilizations. Their discoveries have had ripple effects across various aspects of society, some leaving lasting positive impacts and others bearing more complex legacies.

The first recorded explorers in history date back to a time even prior to the appearance of humans and other pan-human races (such as elves, gnomes, and dwarves), with the vrans during the golden age of their civilization erecting monuments in the form of monoliths. These monuments commemorated those who ventured beyond the charted territories, serving not only as memorials but also as navigational aids, guiding future generations towards distant lands. However, due to the long time passed since the rediscovery of these monoliths, many of their names have been lost to history.

After humans appeared in the world, they became the main race driving exploration. Fueled by their inherent curiosity and a desire to carve their own place in the world, humans embarked on a new era of discovery, altering the course of history with their journeys into the unknown, leading to profound changes both in their understanding of the world and in the world itself.

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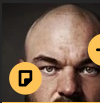
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
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
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Notable explorers

By race

Aen Nílfe

- Vis'anya: An Aen Nílfe elf general and explorer, who commanded the expeditions to the Far South during the expansion of the Golden Empire of these elves.

Aen Manche

- Hira Aen Hurashim: A Aen Manche elf who joined Fabio Sachs' Far East expedition temporarily, eventually killed by a desert monster.

Dwarven

- The six dwarven mercenaries hired by Eberhatt of Rivia.

Human (by origin)

Mardu

- Two Mardu individuals during the time that Fabio Sachs' Far East Expedition was in the desert.

Nordling

- Albanel of Fabiola: A sailor and explorer, part of the third generation of Nordling colonizers born in the confederation of colonies of Fabiola, who became known for attempting to reach the southernmost part of the **Western Continent** but never returned.
- **Anika Marsir**: Mage and explorer of Kovirian origin, she was known for being the first Nordling to travel across the entire region of Illan Qurun and the northern parts of **Bia Thin**.
- Erinn Tuirseach: The Skelliger explorer who discovered what would eventually become the Duchy of **Vinland** in the **Far North**.
- Buyvid Backhuysen: One of the earliest travelers and explorers in Nordling history, known for being one of the very few to find Tarn Mira and Tor Zireael and write "*Peregrinations along Magic Trails and Places*."
- **Fabio Sachs**: A Nordling explorer of Temerian origin, Sachs became one of the most influential figures in world history. His expeditions in the late 13th century to the **Far East** and Far North unveiled unknown lands, dispelling Nordlings' ignorance with meticulously documented findings. Sachs' explorations not only broadened understanding of geography and cultures but also shattered misconceptions, fostering a global perspective among Nordling people. Additionally, he is credited with discovering the **Silk Islands** and the Western Continent in the early 14th century. Indirectly, he initiated

the colonization of these new lands in 1380, marking the beginning of the colonial era for various Nordling Kingdoms as well the Nilfgaardian Empire and **Zangvebar**. Sachs left an indelible mark on history, with examples seen in the naming of the confederation of Nordling colonies, named as **Fabiola** in his honor, and landmarks such as Fabio's Cape and the Sachs Mountains bearing his name.

- Finn Thordvison: Mage and explorer of Skelliger origin. First Nordling known to visit the region of **Barsa** as well as the region of **Skepimos** in the Far South. A friend of Markus Hohlenberg, he was the one to demonstrate that Gemmeria was not the southernmost part of the continent at the end of 1266 by mapping the **Sea of Gales**, showing that the mistake had come from misunderstanding the existence of this inland sea.
- **Ryvlyn of Sanzode: A School of the Griffin** Witcher known for his travels around **The Continent**, his contributions reach from a better map of the Korath Desert to being the first to enter into contact with **Aen Ghele** elves in the Far North, to being one of the earliest explorers of the Western Continent after colonization efforts started in 1380. One of the colonies part of Fabiola, Ryvle is name after him.

Indirectly ✦

- Ebberhatt of Rivia: As one of the medics in the three expeditions realized by Fabio Sachs.
- Elmo: Known after his death as *Saint Elmo*, he was a expert sailor that accompanied Fabio Sachs in the expedition that discovered the Western Continent and the Silk Islands.
- **D'yaebi**: A School of the Cat Witcheress who joined Fabio Sachs' Far East Expedition when it passed through **Zerzura**.
- Istredd: A mage, archaeologist, main medic, and informal co-leader of the three expeditions realized by Fabio Sachs.
- **Jabolet**: A mage that became part of the Fabio Sachs' Far North Expedition.
- **Kai Yih**: A Far Eastern pirate captain who joined temporarily along with her crew Fabio Sachs' Far East Expedition.
- **Łukasz**: One of the last witchers of the Wolf School, he would join Fabio Sachs's Far East Expedition when it passed through Zerrikania.
- **The Grey Dragon Company**: As companions of Ryvlyn.
- **Putnam Pitch**: As part of three expeditions realized by Fabio Sachs as the expedition's main protector against monsters.
- **School of the Owl Witchers**: As part of the various Skelliger expeditions to the East.
- Stucco Zangenis: A specialized mage in offensive magic with an interest in genetics, who joined Fabio Sachs' expedition to the Far East to collect exotic monster genes. Unfortunately, he met his demise in the region of **Barsa**, in the city-state of Zerzura in 1283.
- Zavist: A mage brought in as a possible replacement for Stucco, who also perished in Zerzura in 1283.

Melukkan ✦

- Yanu: A Melukkan trader and explorer, known for being the first Melukkan to have been to Nilfgaard and the Northern Kingdoms.

Sundanese ✦

- Tupaia of Sunda: Sundanese explorer who was known for being the first Sundanese to visit the Melukka region. He was also known for his extensive documentation of the different cultures and people of that area and navigational skills. His work would later be used by Nilfgaard to sail and expand in the east.

Zangvebarian ✦

- Hida of Zangvebar: Dubbed "Hida" by the Nordlings, Nalla Onobanjo was a Zangvebarian merchant and explorer, credited as the first known

Zangvebarian to reach the Northern Kingdoms. She was also known as the mother of **Reidrich**, one of the mages who helped the **School of the Wolf** Witchers in the mutation process to create new witchers.

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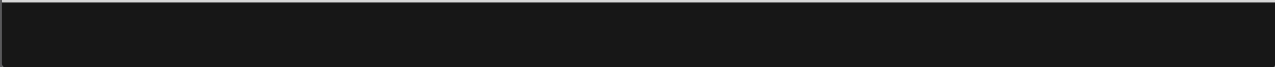


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